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WITH TWO NEAR-INFRARED LIGHTS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows. A
certified copy of Japanese priority Patent Application No.
2001-037856 accompanies this Reply in satisfaction of the
requirement set forth in 35 U.S.C. § 119.

This Reply is timely in view of the Federal Government
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